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GENEVA FOR AMB. SHERER

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, EFIN, CZ, US

SUBJECT: US-CZECHOSLOVAK CLAIMS SETTLEMENT

REF: STATE 207406, PRAGUE 2293

1. EMBASSY HAS REMAINED IN CLOSE TOUCH WITH MFA (ZANTOVSKY, HEAD SIXTH DEPT) AND PASSED ALONG ALL NEWS THAT WAS SHARE-ABLE. WORD OF SECRETARY'S VIEWS AS EXPRESSED TO SENATOR PELL (STATE 207408) WAS PARTICULARLY WELCOME TO CZECHS, OF COURSE. (WE ARE REPEATING THAT MESSAGE TO GENEVA FOR AMB. SHERER. DEPARTMENT REQUESTED INCLUDE GENEVA ON IMPORTANT MESSAGES BEARING ON CLAIMS AGREEMENT.)

2. ZANTOVSKY HAS CLEARLY BEEN CLOSETED WITH FOREIGN MINISTER CHNOUPEK MOST OF TIME SINCE CHNOUPKE'S RETURN FROM FINLAND SEPTEMBER 19, AND PLANS ARE BEING MADE FOR CHNOUPKE'S TRIP TO NEW YORK, WITH ARRIVAL PLANNED FOR MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 23. CZECHS  
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ARE RELUCTANT TO ASK FORMALLY FOR MEETING WITH THE SECRETARY,

APPARENTLY FEELING THAT SINCE INVITATION TO SIGNING CEREMONY CAME FROM US, AND SINCE THIS OBSTACLE HAS ARISEN ON OUR SIDE, IT WOULD BE MORE APPROPRIATE FOR US TO EXTEND INVITATION FOR BILATERAL MEETING IN NEW YORK TO DISCUSS THE PROBLEM. HOWEVER, ZANTOVSKY TOLD CHARGE SEPTEMBER 20 THAT THEIR DELEGATION AT UNGA REPORTED CORRIDOR ENCOUNTER WITH THE SECRETARY, DURING WHICH THE SECRETARY TOLD CZECH REPRESENTATIVE (WE BELIEVE IT WAS AMBASSADOR SPACIL) THAT WE WAS LOOKING FORWARD TO MEETING WITH FONMIN CHNOUPEK. ZANTOVSKY SAID THAT ON THAT BASIS, PERHAPS EMBASSY COULD GET READING FROM WASHINGTON ON OUTLOOK FOR EARLY MEETING.

3. REQUEST FOR ACTION. IN VIEW OF THE SERIOUSNESS OF THE PROBLEM THE LONG-GRAVEL AMENDMENT POSES, AND OUR NEED TO CONSULT WITH THE CZECHOSLOVKAS ON IT URGENTLY, EMBASSY STRONGLY RECOMMENDS THAT EFFORT BE MADE FOR THE SECRETARY TO MEET WITH CHNOUPEK TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 24 OR AS EARLY AFTER CHNOUPEK'S ARRIVAL AS IS POSSIBLE. WE BELIEVE THAT THIS MEETING IS IMPERATIVE IF WE ARE TO AVOID AN APPEARANCE OF LACK OF URGENT INTEREST IN A MATTER THE CZECHOSLOVAKS REGARD AS CRITICAL. WE REQUEST AN ANSWER AS SOON AS POSSIBLE, AND IF AT ALL POSSIBLE ON SEPTEMBER 20.

4. FOREGOING WAS DISCUSSED BY TELEPHONE IN GENERAL TERMS WITH AMBASSADOR SHERER AND HE CONCURS.  
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